THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) 58 Post Offices have been computerised in Uttar Pradesh and details are given in Statement.

(b) 12 Post Offices are proposed to be computerised during 1996-97.

STATEMENT

List of Computerised Post Offices in Uttar Pradesh

Sl No.	Name of District	Location
1	2	3
1	Lucknow GPO	1. Lucknow Gpo
		2. Aminabad Park PO
		3. Lucknow Chowk HO
		4 Alambagh PO
		5. New Hyderabad
		6. Niralanagar
		7. Mahanagar
		8 Dilkusha
		9. Rajendra Nagar
		10. U.P. Secretariat
2	Barabanki	11. Barabanki HO
3	Faizabad	12. Faizabad HO
4	Gorakhpur	13. Gorakhpur HO
		14. Kuraghat HO
		15. Gita Press
		16. Railway Colony
5.	Gonda	17. Gonda HO
6.	Bahraich	18. Bahraich HO
7.	Mau	19. Mau HO
8.	Azamgarh	20. Azamgarh HO
9.	Ballia	21. Ballia HO
10.	Deoria	22. Deoria HO
11.	Kanpur City	23. Kanpur HO
		24. Nawabganj HO
		25. HNS Nagar
		26. Nayaganj
		27. I.I.T. Kanpur
		28. Udaugnagar
		29. Kanpur Cantt. HO
12.	Meerut	30. Meerut HO
		31. Meerut Kty HO
		32. Meerut City HO
13.	Ghaziabad	33. Ghaziabad HO
		34. Noida Comples SO
14.	Dehradun	35. Dehradun Cantt.
		36. Dehradun HO
		37. Dehradun Kty
15.	Saharanpur	38. Saharanpur HO
		39. Saharanpur Kty HO
16.	Muzaffarnagar	40. Muzaffarnagar HO
		41. Muzaffarnagar City SO
17.	Bareilly	42. Bareilly HO
		43. Bareilly City SO
18.	Kheri	44. Kheri HO
19.	Moradabad	45. Moradabad HO
20.	Nainital	46. Nainital HO
21.	Rampur	47. Rampur HO
22.	Varanasi	48. Varanasi HO
		49. Varanasi Cantt.
		50. Bengali Tola SO
23.	Allahabad	51. Allahabad HO
		52. Allahabad Kty HO
		53. C D A Pension SO
24.	Pratapgarh	54. Pratapgarh HO
25.	Ghazipur	55. Ghazipur HO
26.	Jaunpur	56. Jaunpur HO
27.	Agra	57. Agra HO
		58. Hariparvat SO
	Total	58

[English]

Dogri News On Doordarshan, Jammu

3082. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether requests have been received to start Dogri news bulletin from Jammu Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Development of Tourism

3083. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister for TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the journey to the Himalayan shrine

and other tourist spots in the Garhwal region is very hazardous;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the region suffers from lackness of good roads, medical facilities and hotels, tourist complexes and dharamshalas;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to develop the region; and

(e) if so, the measures being taken by the Government to develop the region?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) to (e). Creation of tourist facilities is primarily the responsibility of the State Goverments. However, the Deptt. of Tourism extends financial assistance to State/Union Territory Governments for tourism projects based on their merits, *inter-se* priority and availability of funds.

The Department of Tourism has provided financial assistance for the following projects in Garhwal Hills to Government of Uttar Pradesh:-

(1) Mini buses for Corbett and Chilla.

(2) Fibre glass huts for Garhwal Hills.

(3) Forest Lodge at Dhangari.

(4) Frekking quipment for Garhwal Region.

(5) Wayside facilities at Dholadevi.

(6) Construction of Motel at Dholadevi.

(7) Water Sports equipment for Garhwal.

(8) Tented accommodation at Nandprayag.

(9) Trivenighat at Rishikesh.

[Translation]

MARR Telephone Syetem

3084. PROF. OMPAL SINGH 'NIDAR': Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the time by which MARR telephone system is likely to start functioning in Uttar Pradesh, district-wise;

(b) The number of telephones, out of order in the village in Agra Division as on November 15, 1996 and the percentage thereof in comparison to the total number of telephones in the villages in Agra Division; and

(c) The steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to bring the telephone facilities provided to the rural subscribers at par with those provided to urban populace?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) MARR Telephone system are functioning in all the districts of Uttar Pradesh. 100% coverage of all the villages with telephone facility is likely to complete by the end of IXth Five Year Plan.

(b) Out of a total 802 number of village public telephones, 158 number of village public telephones are faulty in Agra Division which is 20% of total Village Public Telephones.

(c) Instructions/Guidelines have been issued for testing of MARR systems. Efforts have been increased to improve the porformance and reduce the faults. All the Telecom Circles are trying to enter into Annual Maintenance contract for the repair of faulty telephones apart from daily testing of Village Public Telephones.

Bilaspur-Jabalpur Railway Line

3085. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULESTE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a continuous demand for laying of a railway line from Bilaspur to Jabalpur *Via* Mungeli, Bhugelan to Mandla in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the Government had sanctioned funds to conduct a survey in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any steps have been taken in this regard; and

(e) the time by which the work is likely to be started and completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) There have been some representation in this regard.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

(e) The work is not planned at present.

[English]

AIR Studio, Kargil

3086. SHRI P. NAMGYAL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the construction of AIR studios and buildings at Kargil, Jammu and Kashmir have since been completed;

(b) if not, the reasons for delay; and

(c) the time by which these are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) These are technically ready for commissioning and will be commissioned in the ensuing summer season subject to availability of staff for operation and maintenance.